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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: STATE 257992
SUBJ: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION ON MASS
MEDIA

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1. POLOFF MADE REPRESENTATIONS REQUESTED REFTEL TO CARL MEVS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON OCTOBER 21. MEVS INDICATED HAITIAN POSITION ON DRAFT DECLARATION HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED AND, AFTER DISCUSSING MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, CALLED TO REQUEST WRITTEN EXPOSITION OF U.S. VIEWS. EMBASSY IS DRAFTING NOTE WHICH WE WILL PRESENT TO GOH OCTOBER 22. MEVS PROMISED TO REPORT GOH RESPONSE BY OCTOBER 26.

2. MEVS ASKED TWO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS: 1) WHAT ARE SPECIFIC PASSAGES IN DRAFT DECLARATION TO WHICH U.S. OBJECTS AND 2) WHEN WOULD DRAFT BE CONSIDERED AGAIN IF DEFERRAL VOTE
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IS SUCCESSFUL? POLOFF RESPONDED TO FIRST QUESTION BY EMPHASIZING U.S. CONCERN OVER EFFORTS TO IMPOSE CONTROLS ON INTERNATIONAL MEDIA AND TO RESTRICT FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION. HE ALSO NTED ZIONISM/RACISM PROBLEM

AND POINTED OUT LACK OF EMPHASIS IN PRESENT DRAFT ON IMPROVING LDCS COMMAND OF MASS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE. WITH REGARD TO SECOND QUESTION POLOFF SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT VOTE TO DEFER WOULD POSTPONE ACTION UNTIL NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING. HE EMPHASIZED NEED FOR DEBATE AT CURRENT GC AND IMPORTANCE OF WIDEST POSSIBLE CONSENSUS. MEVS AGREED PARTICULARLY WITH LATTER POINT.

3. MEVS SAID HAITI WOULD BE REPRESENTED IN NAIROBI BY HUBERT DE RONCERAY, WHO IS MINISTER-COUNSELOR OF HAITI'S UNESCO MISSION. AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE DELINOIS CELESTIN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AS HAITI'S AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO, IN SUCCESSION TO ARNOLD SICLAIT, BUT HE WILL NOT GO TO NAIROBI.
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